

that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, House Resolution 469, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: "Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding a cooperative fire suppression agreement with Mexico."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SHACKLEFORD BANKS WILD HORSES PROTECTION ACT

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 765) to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF WILD HORSES IN CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE.

Section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Cape Lookout National Seashore in the State of North Carolina, and for other purposes", approved March 10, 1966 (Public Law 89-366; 16 U.S.C. 459g-4), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "Sec. 5.", and by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b)(1) The Secretary, in accordance with this subsection, shall allow a herd of 100 free roaming horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore (hereinafter referred to as the 'Seashore'): *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Secretary from implementing or enforcing the provisions of paragraph (3).

"(2) Within 180 days after enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the Foundation for Shackleford Horses (a nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of North Carolina), or another qualified nonprofit entity, to provide for management of free roaming horses in the seashore. The agreement shall—

"(A) provide for cost-effective management of the horses while ensuring that natural resources within the seashore are not adversely impacted; and,

"(B) allow the authorized entity to adopt any of those horses that the Secretary removes from the seashore.

"(3) The Secretary shall not remove, assist in, or permit the removal of any free roaming horses from Federal lands within the boundaries of the seashore—

"(A) unless the entity with whom the Secretary has entered into the agreement under paragraph (2), following notice and a 90-day response period, fails to meet the terms and conditions of the agreement; or

"(B) unless the number of free roaming horses on Federal lands within Cape Lookout National Seashore exceeds 110; or

"(C) except in the case of an emergency, or to protect public health and safety.

"(4) The Secretary shall annually monitor, assess, and make available to the public findings regarding the population, structure, and health of the free roaming horses in the national seashore.

"(5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Secretary to replace

horses or otherwise increase the number of horses within the boundaries of the seashore where the herd numbers fall below 100 as a result of natural causes, including, but not limited to, disease or natural disasters.

"(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as creating liability for the United States for any damages caused by the free roaming horses to property located inside or outside the boundaries of the seashore."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES).

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to first thank my colleagues and staff in the House, the Senate, and the White House for helping secure passage of this important legislation. The Shackleford Banks Wild Horse Protection Act requires the National Park Service to work in alliance with a nonprofit entity to maintain a herd of no less than 100 horses, a number consistent with the number of horses on the island when the Park Service assumed ownership. H.R. 765 is needed to preserve this historically rich herd of wild horses.

It was my intent and the Committee on Resources' intent to designate the Foundation for Shackleford Banks as the nonprofit agency to work with the Park Service. The Senate concurred by passing its version, also. Throughout the process, the foundation was listed in the legislation further indicating Congress' intent. I am confident that the foundation, as listed in the legislation, and the Park Service will develop a long-range management plan for the horses.

Again, I would like to thank my colleagues and ask for their support for H.R. 765.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 765 introduced by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES), a member of the Committee on Resources, requires the National Park Service to maintain a herd of wild horses on Shackleford Banks at Cape Lookout National Seashore. On July 16, 1998, President Clinton signed Public Law 105-202, the Peace Garden Memorial extension. Included as part of that law was language that is identical to the gentleman's bill, which is H.R. 765.

Mr. Speaker, I do want to highly commend my good friend and colleague from North Carolina for his ingenuity

in seeing that although this has already become law but I think for reassurances to make sure that the gentleman's horses on Shackleford are duly protected. I want to commend the gentleman for his persistence in making sure that this matter is going to be taken care of. I say to my colleagues that this matter has been addressed, although I think it is good that we need to give this reinforcement in the process. I thank my good friend from North Carolina for his persistence in this bill.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, H.R. 765.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 765.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the Senate amendment to H.R. 765.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM NEW AREA STUDIES ACT

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1728) to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the National Park System, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1728

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Park System New Area Studies Act".

SEC. 2. STUDY OF NEW PARK SYSTEM AREAS.

Section 8 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5; popularly known as the National Park System General Authorities Act) is amended as follows:

(1) By inserting "GENERAL AUTHORITY.—" after "(a)".

(2) By striking the second through the seventh sentences of subsection (a).

(3) By designating the last two sentences of subsection (a) as subsection (e) and inserting in the first of such sentences before the words "For the purposes of carrying" the following: "(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—"